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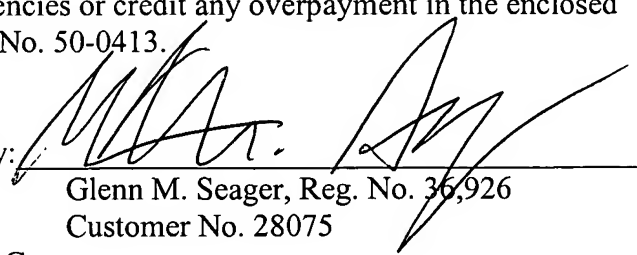
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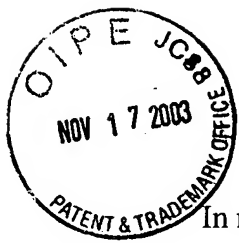
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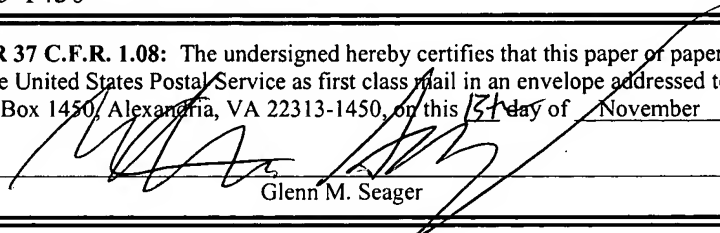
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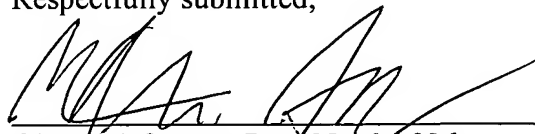
Copies of the documents listed on the 1449 Form were previously either submitted by Applicant or cited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in at least one of the prior applications, U.S. Application No. 09/677,119, filed September 29, 2000 and U.S. Application No. 09/366,192, filed August 3, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,142,987,

upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. §120. Therefore, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of these documents are not being submitted herewith.

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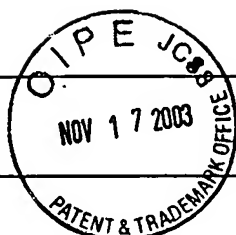
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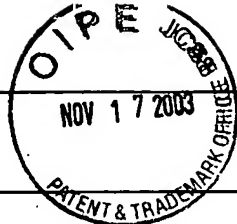
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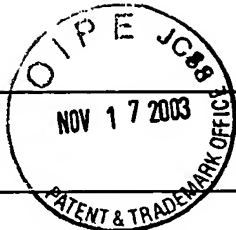
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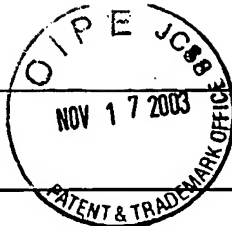
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